

LIFE SKILL OF THE WEEK: WORK ETHIC

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1. Opening Thought

Work ethic means **doing your work well, even when no one is watching.**

It is not about working fast. It is about working faithfully.

Reminder: *“Your work is a reflection of your character. People may forget what you say, but they remember how you work.”*

A strong work ethic opens doors and builds trust.

2. Scripture (KJV)

Colossians 3:23 – *“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.”*

Explain: We do not work just to please people. We work to honor God.

Proverbs 14:23 – *“In all labor there is profit: but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury.”*

Explain: Hard work brings reward. Talking without action leads to lack.

Ecclesiastes 9:10 – *“Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might...”*

Explain: God calls us to give our best effort in the work He places before us.

3. Discussion Questions

1. What does a good work ethic look like to you?
 2. Why is it tempting to cut corners at work?
 3. How does poor work ethic affect others?
 4. How can a strong work ethic help your future?
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4. Practical Examples

You can give these real-life examples:

1. **Showing up:** Being on time and ready to work.
2. **Effort:** Doing your best, even on hard or boring tasks.
3. **Attitude:** Working without complaining or gossip.
4. **Honesty:** Not cutting corners, stealing time, or blaming others.
5. **Teachability:** Being willing to learn and accept correction.

Explain: a strong work ethic builds trust and opens opportunities.

5. Challenge for This Week

Choose **one way** to improve your work ethic for the next 7 days.

Finish the following sentence:

“This week I will improve my work ethic by _____.”

Examples:

1. “I will improve my work ethic by being on time every day.”
2. “I will improve my work ethic by giving my best effort.”
3. “I will improve my work ethic by keeping a good attitude.”
4. “I will improve my work ethic by finishing what I start.”
5. “I will improve my work ethic by listening and learning.”

Explain: it must be something that can be clearly seen or measured.

6. Closing Thought

Reminder: *“Work is not a curse. It is a calling. How you work today shapes where you will go tomorrow.”*
